

John 9:6-33

6-7. When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**" (which is translated **Sent**). **So he went** and washed, and came back seeing.

- **John 2:5** "His mother said to the servants, ' _____ He _____ to you, _____ it.'"

Definition: "Pool of Siloam" (which is translated SENT). So he WENT - The man DID WHAT JESUS TOLD HIM to DO - he WENT where Jesus SENT him. No matter how crazy it may seem to you, you need to be the same way - **DO whatever God says to DO in His word! GO wherever God tells you to GO!** To obey God's word without always trying to "figure out HOW it works" is true FAITH, and the way to have God's blessings in your life.

8-11. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A man called **Jesus MADE CLAY and anointed my eyes** and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

- **Read II Kings 5:1-16** (Verses 10-11) "And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ' _____ and _____ in the Jordan _____ times, and your flesh shall be restored to you and you shall be clean (healed).' But Naaman was furious and went away and said, 'Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and _____ and _____ on the _____ of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.'" (Verse 13) "Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, 'My father, had the prophet told you to do some _____ thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ' _____, and be _____?'"

Definition: "Jesus MADE CLAY and anointed my eyes" - We know that Jesus could heal by just saying a word (see Matthew 8:5-13), so why did He go through such a complicated (and strange) way of healing the blind man? Why did God have Naaman in the Old Testament go through such a strange ritual for his healing? Whenever God does something MORE COMPLICATED than what is necessary, it is always to teach us something. For the blind man, it was to teach him obedience; for the Pharisees it was to DELIBERATELY PROVOKE them, and to teach them the TRUE meaning of the Sabbath; and for Naaman, it was to teach him humility.

12-15. Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now **it was a SABBATH when Jesus MADE the CLAY** and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

- **John 5:8-10** "Jesus said to him, "Rise, _____ up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, _____ up his bed, and walked. And that day was the _____. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not _____ for you to _____ your bed."
- **Exodus 23:12** " _____ days you are to do your _____, but on the _____ day you shall cease (stop) from labor; in order that your ox and _____

your donkey may _____, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger (foreigner), may _____ themselves."

Definition: "It is NOT LAWFUL" - God's law that He gave to Israel through Moses said that NO WORK was to be done on the Sabbath Day. In Jesus' day, the Pharisees had ADDED many rules and regulations to God's original law, including definitions of what constituted "work" and how many steps you could walk on the Sabbath, etc. Instead of being a day **to rest and refresh yourself**, they had made it a day of horrible rules to keep, and people were afraid of "breaking the Sabbath rules" (see Matthew 23:1-4). The Sabbath Day and the penalty of death were given to the "sons of Israel." We, as Christians under the New Covenant, are **NOT under the Sabbath Law** with its penalty, but the PRINCIPLE of taking a day to rest and be refreshed, and to set that day apart for the Lord, is still applicable.

16. Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a SINNER do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

- **John 8:29** "And _____ who _____ Me is with Me. The _____ has not left Me alone, for I _____ do those things which _____ Him."
- **Hebrews 4:14-15** "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, _____ the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [He] was in all points _____ as we are, yet _____ sin."
- **Hebrews 7:26** "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless, _____, _____ from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."

Definition: "How can a man who is a SINNER do such signs?" - Jesus was completely without sin; He was NOT a sinner. Jesus NEVER broke any of God's laws, but the Pharisees were upset with Him because He was breaking THEIR laws - the rules and regulations made up by the Pharisees themselves, and which they had deceived themselves into thinking were God's laws.

- **Read Matthew 15:1-9** (Verse 3) "But He answered and said to them, 'Why do you also transgress (disobey) the _____ of _____ because of your _____?' (Verses 8-9) "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the _____ of men."

17-19. They said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." **But the Jews did NOT BELIEVE concerning him, that he had been BLIND** and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

- **Luke 24:25** "Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and _____ of _____ to _____ in all that the _____ have spoken!'"
- **Read Isaiah 35:4-6** (Verses 5-6a) "Then the _____ of the _____ will be _____, and the _____ of the _____ will be unstopped. Then the _____ will leap like a deer, and the _____ of the dumb (mute) will shout for joy...."

Definition: "But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind" - The Jewish leaders and Pharisees did not want to believe Jesus did a miracle, so they tried to disprove that the man had ever been blind! Perhaps this is why God does not do more miracles today? People would just put their own slant on the miracle, and have some other explanation, if they did not want to believe God did it.

20-23. His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. **He is of age; ask him.** He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because **they feared the Jews**, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be **PUT OUT of the synagogue**. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

- **John 12:42-43** "Nevertheless even among the _____ many _____ in Him, but because of the _____ they did not confess Him [openly], lest they should be put _____ of the _____; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

Definitions: "He is of age; ASK HIM" & "They FEARED the JEWS" - In the Gospel of John, whenever you see "the Jews" it is always referring to the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Jewish religious leaders. The parents don't want to get involved in an argument with the Pharisees, so they just avoid the subject.

24-28. So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "**Give God the glory!** We know that this man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. **One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.**" Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His DISCIPLES?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His DISCIPLE, but **we are Moses' DISCIPLES.**"

- **Matthew 28:19-20** "Go therefore and make _____ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to observe (OBEY) all things that I have commanded you."
- **Ephesians 4:20-21** "But you have not so _____ Christ; if so be that you have heard Him, and have been _____ by Him, as the truth is in Jesus."

Definition: "DISCIPLE" - A "learner" or FOLLOWER. Have you become a DISCIPLE of Jesus Christ? **Are you ALLOWING Him to TEACH you?** Is a life of **OBEYING Jesus and letting Jesus teach us** different from just doing our "OWN THING" and GOING OUR OWN WAY?

Definition: "We are MOSES' disciples" - The Pharisees were PROUD of the fact that they were followers of Moses and the Law, but Jesus told them over and over again that they had MISSED the POINT, and were only keeping the outward, external rules, without **obeying God in their hearts.**

- **Romans 2:17-20** "Indeed you are called a _____, and rest on the _____, and make your _____ in God, and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the _____, and are _____ that you yourself are a _____ to the _____, a light to those who are in _____, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the _____ of knowledge and truth in the _____."

29-33. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He has opened my eyes! Now **we know that God DOES NOT HEAR SINNERS**; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

- **Isaiah 59:1-2** "Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot _____, but your iniquities (sins) have made a _____ between you and your God, and your _____ have hid His face from you, so that He does not _____."
- **Psalms 34:15** "The eyes of the Lord are on the _____, and His _____ are _____ to their cry (prayers)."
- **Psalms 66:18** "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. But certainly God has _____ me; He has attended to the voice of my _____."
- **Proverbs 15:29** "The Lord is _____ from the _____, but He _____ the _____ of the _____."

Definition: " We know that God does NOT HEAR SINNERS" - The first prayer of an unsaved "sinner" that God hears is the prayer for SALVATION, when that sinner cries out to God to SAVE him from his sins. After a person ACCEPTS Jesus Christ as his or her Savior, that person is **NO LONGER considered a "sinner" by God**, but God sees that one as His son or daughter, and as "the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus" (II Corinthians 5:21).

- **Hebrews 10:19** "Therefore, brethren, having _____ to _____ the Holiest (the Holy of Holies - the very presence of God) by the _____ of Jesus."
- **Luke 18:13-14** "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God be _____ to me a _____!' 'I tell you, this man went down to his house _____ rather than the other; for everyone who _____ himself will be abased (put down, humbled), and he who _____ himself will be _____."